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APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
2881 SCOTT BLVD. M/S 2061
SANTA CLARA, CA 95050

In re Application of :
Tolles et al. :
Application No. 09/507,172 :
Filed: February 18, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. 05542-170006/881D5/CMP :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed February 25, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application was deemed abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Office action mailed January 10, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 5, 2003.

A review of the record indicates a proper reply was timely filed on February 10, 2003. Therefore, the application is not abandoned.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

A petition fee is not required for a petition to withdraw holding of abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 and none has been charged.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for processing the CPA filed February 25, 2003.

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